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332 U.S. 392, 401 (1947); United States v. Microsoft Corp., 253 F.3d 34, 103, 107 (D.C. Cir. 2001). Restoring competition is the "key to the whole question of an antitrust remedy," du Pont, 366 U.S. at 326. Competition was injured in this case principally because Microsoft's illegal conduct maintained the applications barrier to entr..."

What, may I ask, does ordering Microsoft to equip schools with second hand or discounted software and hardware systems do to increase competition? I submit that this only strengthens the monopoly position of Microsoft at the expense of open competition from other suppliers.

It is a slap in the face of every hard working employee at a competing company to watch Microsoft deduct from their income taxes the value of the software/hardware the U.S. government essentially directed Microsoft to donate into a market (schools) where they presently do not demonstrate a monopoly.

These are not "anti trust remedies" as referenced in the extract of the Department of Justice's own website.

It cannot be denied that Microsoft was found guilty. From the actions of the Department of Justice, it would almost seem as though the DOJ is apologizing to Microsoft for the slap it on the wrist it has proposed. As an abusive power, Microsoft is as important today as the DuPonts or railroads were of yesterday. The leader of our information society is a monopolist, and a dangerous one at that.

Do not coddle a tyrant.

Respectfully,

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